



**BOARD OF HEARING AND SPEECH  
MEETING MINUTES FOR  
May 21, 2004**

**LOCATION:**     **Department of Health  
Point Plaza East, Room 152  
310 Israel Road SE  
Tumwater, Washington 98501**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**     Lesly Loiseau, A.U.D., Chair  
Laurie Anderson, Vice Chair  
Kimberly Coy  
Lynn Byrne  
Rudy Gahler, M.D.  
Don Nelson  
Penny Allen  
Ken Pope

**STAFF PRESENT:**                 Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director  
T. Diane Young, Deputy Executive Director  
Tracy Hansen, Program Manager  
Ericka Brown, Administrative Assistant  
Judy Young, Staff Attorney

**AAG PRESENT:**                   Gail Yu, AAG Advisor

**OTHERS PRESENT:**             Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist, Washington Speech and  
Hearing Association  
Nancy Alarcon, Clinic Director, University of  
Washington

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Lesly Loiseau, Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. The meeting agenda was approved with the following amendments: **CORRESPONDENCE** - Add item C) ASHA 2004 Model Licensure Bill and D) American Academy of Audiology Sub-Committee on State Licensure.

February 6, 2004 meeting minutes were approved with the amendment of changing Hearing Aid Legislation to Hearing Aid Insurance Legislation under program report overview of House Bill 2281.

## **2. PROGRAM REPORT**

Tracy Hansen provided an overview of HB 2582 Interim Permits for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists. This bill would have eliminated “direct” supervision for those individuals who hold an interim permit for speech-language pathologists and audiologists. The Legislative review process stopped during the legislative timeframe.

The Board discussed “direct” supervision and determined to proceed with developing an interpretative statement for “direct” supervision. Ms. Hansen will draft an interpretative statement for Board review and determination.

Nancy Alarcon, Clinic Director, University of Washington provided a copy of Appendix 1: from ASHA Certification and Membership Handbook for Board review and information.

Ms. Hansen provided an overview, explaining current revenue and expenditures for the Hearing and Speech April Interim Operating Report. Ms. Hansen discussed portions on the Interim Operating Report where the costs and FTEs are higher. The program current balance looks healthy.

Ericka Brown provided the Board with current licensing statistics. The current statistics show 287 licensed fitter/dispensers, 329 licensed audiologists, 7 audiology interim permit holders, 1122 licensed speech-language pathologists, 56 speech-language pathology interim permit holders.

Ms. Hansen provided the status of Board appointment applications. Ms. Hansen reported that seven people have applied for speech-language pathology; one person had not identified the position for which she/she was applying, and one reappointment for hearing instrument fitter/dispenser. Ms. Hansen will contact those individuals who applied for audiology appointment within the last two years to determine if individual is interested in reapplying for a position on the Board. Ms. Hansen will complete the matrix and continue to process applications for Governor Appointment.

## **3. COMPLAINT/DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Lynn Byrne reported that the disciplinary case load as of May 14, 2004 includes, 18 open cases; of those cases, 2 cases are in assessment, 8 cases are in investigations, and 8 cases are in disposition. The Board closed 5 cases from November 2003 through May 19, 2004.

### Initial Assessment Decisions

2004-05-0001(UK)HA                      closed prior to investigation, no jurisdiction

2004-05-0002(UK)HA	closed prior to investigation, no jurisdiction
2003-10-0004HA	presentation – Disciplinary Sub-Committee determination
	close, prior to investigation, no violation

#### Case Disposition Decisions

2004-02-0003HA	closed prior to investigation, below threshold
2004-02-0004HA	closed prior to investigation, below threshold
2004-04-0001HA	closed prior to investigation, below threshold
2002-04-0001(CA) HA	closed after investigation, Agreed Order – on compliance
2004-04-0002 LD	closed prior to investigation, no violation

Judy Young, Staff Attorney provided a presentation on an Agreed Order.

#### **4. RULES COMMITTEE REPORT**

Tracy Hansen provided an update regarding the status of rules in process by the Board.

- A) New WAC regarding hearing instrument fitter/dispenser two-year degree program approval-update regarding progress.

Tracy Hansen requested an Office of Typing Services (OTS) copy of the new rule section. Ms. Hansen will forward the OTS copy to Health Policy Services for assignment to economist to assist with Small Business Economic Impact and Significant Analysis. Ms. Hansen will continue to work through Rule Review and Comment process prior to scheduling for rules hearing.

- B) WAC 246-828-500,510,530,550 - Continuing Education.

Ms. Hansen prepared the cover memo and CR101 form for the amendatory section of the continuing education rules. The package has been submitted to Health Policy Services for review and filing. Ms. Hansen requested an OTS copy of amendatory section. Ms. Hansen will mail the CR101 and OTS copy to stakeholders.

- C) February 5, 2004 Letter from John Johnson, III, Director, Spokane Falls Community College, Hearing Instrument Specialist Program.  
The Committee discussed Mr. Johnson's request for program review and approval of their distance learning curriculum/program as meeting the educational requirement of Washington State hearing instruments fitter/dispensers licensure law. The Committee recommends the Board to table this matter until the next Board meeting.

- D) WAC 246-828-XXX – Hearing Instrument Consumer's Rights Brochure

Ms. Hansen will provide a summary relating to creating a rule that would require all licensees to provide a copy of the consumer rights brochure to all patients.

## **5. EXAMINATION/EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Tracy Hansen provided an update on the status of DOH contract with International Institute of Hearing Instrument Studies. Ms. Hansen will request Gail Yu, AAG, to review the contract. Ms. Hansen will request a copy of examination content for the current examination in place. The Board wants to verify that the examination material is reflecting the education and training being received in the Hearing Instrument Fitter/Dispenser two year degree level program.

Lynn Byrne stated the Board may want to look at changing the examination contract renewal to make it shorter than 3 year renewal period.

Ericka Brown reported that at the March 16, 2004 examination, there were a total of 21 candidates who sat for the examination and 18 candidates passed and 3 candidates failed.

## **6. PUBLIC INFORMATION/RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Tracy Hansen reported that the Hearing Instrument Consumer Rights brochure has been put into a folded format and posted to the Department of Health Website.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A) Tracy Hansen presented a request from an individual asking for clarification of 18.35.195, regarding the licensure exemption for audiologists and speech-language pathologists who are certified by the state board of education as educational staff associates. Ms. Hansen will respond.
- B) Ms. Hansen provided a request from John Johnson at Spokane Falls Community College, Hearing Instrument Specialist Program, for program review and approval of their distance learning curriculum/program as meeting the educational requirement of Washington State Hearing Instrument Fitter Dispenser licensure law. The Board discussed Mr. Johnson's request and determined to table this matter until the next Board meeting as the Board would like Mr. Johnson to be available to answer questions and provide comments and/or recommendations. Ms. Hansen will write to Mr. Johnson regarding the Board's request.
- C) Ms. Hansen provided a copy of the American Speech and Hearing Association 2004 Model Licensure Bill for information purposes.
- D) Lynn Byrne presented information about the American Academy of Audiology Sub-Committee on State Licensure meeting.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Melissa Johnson gave a report on the Department of Labor and Industries reimbursement for hearing aid workers compensation issue.

## **9. OTHER ISSUES**

Ken Pope recommended program staff to create an acronym list that would identify acronyms to specific programs and organizations.

## **10. REVIEW OF MEETING**

Ericka Brown reviewed Board decisions made at this meeting.

## **11. PLANNING FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting and Committee meetings are scheduled for August 5 and 6, 2004 in Spokane, Washington.

## **12. ADJOURMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm.

Recorder: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ericka Brown, Administrative Assistant

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tracy Hansen, Program Manager

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lesly Loiseau, Chair

These minutes are to be reviewed and corrected at the next board meeting and will not be redistributed unless substantial errors or omissions are identified.